

Along with managing various hotlines, ICF Kaiser will be coordinating the Fourth Annual Clean Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., in Spring 1998. The phone numbers for the Energy Department's National Alternative Fuels and Clean Cities Hotlines will not change. They are 1-800-423-1DOE (1363) and 1-800-CCITIES (224-8437). The National Renewable Energy Laboratory manages the hotlines.

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LOCKHEED MARTIN ISSUED PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF VIOLATION AT IDAHO SITE

The Department of Energy issued a preliminary Notice of Violation to Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co. for violation of nuclear safety requirements. On six separate occasions at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory between February and April 1997, the contractor failed to follow its own work controls that assure activities are conducted safely. Violations ranged from improper movement of a 50,000-pound experimental cask over a fueled reactor to storage of eight unauthorized fuel rods. A seventh violation involved the use of an inadequate Work Order, leaving a safety-related system in an unplanned inoperable condition for more than two hours. The department noted its concern that the violations were not isolated incidents but occurred at several nuclear facilities at the Idaho site. Although no adverse consequences resulted from the incidents, the department emphasized that nuclear facilities need to operate within the safety boundaries established to ensure worker and public safety. No civil monetary penalty was levied.

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BECHTEL CITED FOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS AT HANFORD

The Department of Energy issued a preliminary Notice of Violation to Bechtel for inadequate and incomplete work planning and radiological controls for events that took place at the Hanford site in September 1996 and January 1997. In September, four workers doing routine surveillance at the 224-B facility were allowed to continue working under conditions that should have triggered a Stop Work Order and, as a result, received minor but unplanned uptakes of plutonium. In the January event, a worker received an unplanned uptake of plutonium 239 and cesium 137 while removing a fuel transfer pit cover within C Reactor Building. While the uptakes were very small and presented no threat to the workers' health, they demonstrated the contractor's failure to follow basic radiological work controls that, if left uncorrected, could have caused a more serious incident if more nuclear material had been present. No civil monetary penalty was levied.

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DOE PRESS RELEASES (SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 1)

- Clean Technology Can Achieve Significant Greenhouse Gas Reductions

Media Contact: Amber Jones, 202/586-5806

- Energy Department Chooses Developer for 21st Century Low-Emission Power Technology

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- Peña Doubles Amount of U.S. Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium for